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The TATLER.

By *Isaac Bickerstaff* Esq;

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From my own Apartment, August 4.

HAving Yesterday Morning received a Paper of *Latin* Verses, written with much Elegance in Honour of these my Papers; and being informed at the same Time that they were composed by a Youth under Age, I read them with much Delight, as an Instance of his Improvement. There is not a greater Pleasure to old Age, than seeing young People entertain themselves in such a Manner as that we can partake of their Enjoyments. On such Occasions we flatter our selves, that we are not quite laid aside in the World, but that we are either used with Gratitude for what we were, or honoured for what we are. A well inclined young Man, and whose good Breeding is founded upon the Principles of Nature and Virtue, must needs take Delight in being agreeable to his Elders, as we are truly delighted when we are not the Jest of them. When I say this, I must confess, I cannot but think it a very lamentable Thing, that there should be a Necessity for making that a Rule of Life, which should be, methinks, a meer Instinct of Nature. If Reflection upon a Man in Poverty, whom we once knew in Riches, is an Argument of Commiseration with generous Minds, sure old Age, which is a Decay from that Vigour which the Young possess, and must certainly (if not prevented against their Will) arrive at, should be more forcibly the Object of that Reverence which honest Spirits are inclined to, from a Sense of being themselves liable to what they observe has already overtaken others.

My Three Nephews, whom in *June* last was Twelvemonth I disposed of according to their several Capacities and Inclinations, the First to the University, the Second to a Merchant, and the Third to a Woman of Quality as her Page, by my Invitation dined with me to Day. It is my Custom often, when I have a Mind to give my self a more than ordinary Chearfulness, to invite a certain young Gentlewoman of our Neighbourhood to make one of the Company. She did me that Favour this Day. The Presence of a beautiful Woman of Honour to Minds which are not trivially disposed, displays an Alacrity which is not to be communicated by any other Object. It was not unpleasant to me to look into her Thoughts of the Company she was in. She smiled at the Party of Pleasure I had thought of for her, which was composed of an Old Man and Three Boys. My Scholar, my Citizen, and my self, were very soon neglected, and the young Courtier, by the Bow he made to her at her Entrance, engaged her Observation without a Rival. I observed the *Oxonian* not a little discomposed at this Preference, while the Trader kept his Eye upon his Uncle. My Nephew *Will* had a Thousand secret Resolutions to break in upon the Discourse of his younger Brother, who gave my Fair Companion a full Account of the Fashion, and what was reckoned most becoming to this Complexion, and what Sort of Habit appeared best upon t'other Shape. He proceeded to acquaint her who of Quality was well or sick within the Bills of Mortality, and named very familiarly all his Lady's Acquaintance, not forgetting her very Words when he spoke of their Characters. Besides all this he had a Road of Flattery, and upon her Enquiry what Sort of Woman Lady *Lovely* was in her Person, Really, Madam, says the Jackanapes, she is exactly of your Height and Shape; but as you are fair, she is a brown Woman. There was no enduring that this Fop should outshine us all at this unmerciful Rate; therefore I thought fit to talk to my young Scholar concerning his Studies, and because I would throw his Learning into present Service, I desired him to repeat to me the Translation he had made of some tender Verses in *Theocritus*. He did so, with an Air of Elegance peculiar to the College to which I sent him. I made some Exceptions to the Turn of the Phrases, which he defended with much Modesty, as believing in that Place the Matter was rather to consult the Softness of a Swain's Passion than the Strength of his Expressions. It soon appeared, that *Will* had outstripped his Brother in the Opinion of our young Lady. A little Poetry to one who is bred a Scholar, has the same Effect that a good Carriage of his Person has on one who is to live in Courts. The Favour of Women is so natural a Passion, that I envied both the Boys their Success in the Approbation of my Guest, and I thought the only Person invulnerable was my young Trader. During the whole Meal, I could observe in the Children a mutual Contempt and Scorn of each other, arising from their different Way of Life and Education, and took that Occasion to advertise them of such growing Distasts, which might mislead them in their future Life, and disappoint their Friends, as well as themselves, of the Advantages which might be expected from the Diversity of their Professions and Interests.

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The Prejudices which are growing up between these Brothers from the different Ways of Education, are what create the most fatal Misunderstandings in Life. But all Distinctions of Disparagement meerly from our Circumstances, are such as will not bear the Examination of Reason. The Courtier, the Trader, and the Scholar, should all have an equal Pretension to the Denomination of a Gentleman. That Tradesman who deals with me in a Commodity which I do not understand with Uprightness, has much more Right to that Character than the Courtier who gives me false Hopes, or the Scholar who laughs at my Ignorance.

The Appellation of Gentleman is never to be affixed to a Man's Circumstances, but to his Behaviour in them. For this Reason I shall ever, as far as I am able, give my Nephews such Impressions as shall make them value themselves rather as they are useful to others, than as they are conscious of Merit in themselves. There are no Qualities from which we ought to pretend to the Esteem of others but such as render us serviceable to them; for *Free Men have no Superiors but Benefactors.*

I was going on like a true old Fellow to this Purpose to my Guests, when I received the following Epistle:

SIR,

'I HAVE yours, with the Notice of a Benefit-Ticket of 400 *l. per Annum*, both enclosed by Mr. *Elliot*, who had my Numbers for that Purpose. Your Philosophick Advice came very seasonably to me with that good Fortune; but I must be so sincere with you, as to acknowledge I owe my present Moderation more to my own Folly than your Wisdom. You will think this strange, till I inform you, that I had fixed my Thoughts upon the 1000 *l.* a Year, and had with that Expectation laid down so many agreeable Plans for my Behaviour towards my new Lovers and old Friends, that I have received this Favour of Fortune with an Air of Disappointment. This is interpreted by all who know not the Springs of my Heart as a wonderful Piece of Humility. I hope my present State of Mind will grow into that; but I confess my Conduct to be now owing to another Cause. However, I know you will approve my taking hold even of Imperfections to find my Way towards Virtue, which is so feeble in us at the best, that we are often beholden to our Faults for the first Appearances of it. I am,

SIR,

Your most humble Servant,

CHLOE.

ADVERTISEMENT.

The Subscribers to the Volumes in Octavo *are desired to send to* Charles Lillie, *or* John Morphew, *any Names which have been omitted, or improperly inserted, the Second Volume being almost ready for Publication.*

Advertisements.

STationers-Hall being engaged, the Sale of Lace on Ludgate-Hill cannot be drawn there. Notice shall be given in the next Tatler where and when.

SIR William Read, Her Majesty's Oculist, is now at his House in Durham-yard in the Strand, London, having several Persons of Quality and others to attend in Distempers relating to the Eyes, and has lately performed several remarkable Cures upon many that were blind from their Birth of Cataracts, and Multitudes whose Sight were much despaired of; some by violent sharp Humours from the Small Pox, and such like Accidents, that often produce great Inflammations, Albugoes, Unguloes, or Fistula Lachrymalis, in which Art (after 35 Years Practice and great Experience both at home and abroad) he must be allowed to have made the greatest Improvement. Note, Sir William takes off all Sorts of Wens, and cures Wry-Necks and Hair-Lips without Blemish, tho' never so deformed; and allows no body to practise in his Name but his Lady, whom he has instructed.

NOtice is given, That the Atlas Geographus, or Compleat System of Geography, containing all Europe (except Great Britain and Ireland, will be finished in about 2 Months, to be bound up in 2 equal Volumes, in which are about 70 new Maps, Tables, and Cuts. Several Months are reprinted, to make Perfect Sets, which may be now had, or any single Month, to compleat Sets. Subscribers are desired to send in their Names. Printed by J. Nutt in the Savoy, and sold by J. Morphew near Stationers-hall; to whom any Person may send Accounts (paying Postage) of Counties, Cities, Towns, &c. in Great Britain and Ireland, now preparing for the Press, with near 100 new Maps. Note, Bibliotheca Anatomica, Medica, & Chirurgica, with above a Hundred large Cuts, 9 Months of which are published, may be had at the same Place, for 1 s. each.

†‡† Just published, The Perjured Fanatick; or, The Malicious Conspiracy of Sir John Croke, of Chilton, Bar. Justice of Peace, in Com. Bucks; Henry Larimore, Anabaptist Preacher; and other Fanaticks; against the Life of Robert Hawkins, M. A. now living, and late Minister of Chilton, occasioned by his Suit for Tythes: Discovered in a Tryal at Aylesbury before the Rt. Hon. the Lord Chief Justice Hale, Anno 1668. Published by his Lordship's Command. Sold by J. Morphew near Stationers-hall, and E. Curll at the Dial and Bible against St. Dunstan's Church in Fleet-street. Price 1 s. small Paper.

A First and Second Claim is made at the Office of Insurance on Marriage in Bolt-court, Fleet-street, which amounts to 37 l. 12 s. The First will be paid this Day, and the Second on the 15th Instant: Wherefore all Persons concerned are desired to pay 2 s. into the Joint Stock, pursuant to the First Article, or they will be excluded. The Two Claimants married each other, and have paid but 2 s. each, which sufficiently shews the great Advantage of this Insurance, which is daily increasing, the Third Claim already amounting to near 25 l. On next St. Bartholomew's Day, Six Trustees will be chosen for the Year ensuing. Due Notice will be given of the Hour and Place. The Advantage of early Entrance will appear by the Proposals, which may be had gratis at the Office. Note, Any Person may insure on the Marriage of another without their Knowledge or Consent.

MRs. Ogle's Catalogue of Goods, viz. An Equipage of Plate for Tea, a Lamp, Tea-Kettle, and Tea-pot, with several other valuable Pieces of Plate, Muslins, Holland, Flanders Lace, Pieces of Silks, with several other Things of Value, at Sixpence each Ticket. The highest Prize 20 l. the lowest 5 s. Tickets may be had at Mrs. Ogle's against Mountague-house, at Mr. Sedgwick's, Haircutter, in the Strand; at Mr. Green's a Hatter, next Door to the Katharine-Wheel Inn in the Borough of Southwark; and at Mrs. Carter's, a Butter-Woman, by Clement's-Inn in Clare-Market.

MRs. Petty's Sale of Goods at Mr. Bevan's, Undertaker, in Bloomsbury-market, will be drawn the 15th Instant. There are a few Tickets still to be disposed of at the Place above-mentioned, and at her Lodgings at Mr. Richardson's, Poulterer, at the White Lion near Temple-bar, and at Mr. Robert Ball's, Linen-Draper, at the Black Lion in Drury-lane.

A Sale of fine Goods to be seen at Mrs. Glanvill's, opposite to the Hampshire Hog in Charles-street, Westminster, is designed to be drawn this Month. Tickets are to be had at her House at 12 d. per Ticket; at Mr. Grayle's, Perfumer, against St. Clement's Church in the Strand; and at Mrs. Waver's, Milliner, against the Hen and Chickens in Fleet-street.

MRs. Sarah Browne intends to draw her Sale of Gloves, if full, on the 24th Instant. Tickets are to be had at 3 d. per Ticket, of her self, at Mrs. Hurlock's at the Three Foxes in St. Clement's-lane, Lombard-street. You that have a Mind to be concerned in it are desired to take them out speedily, it being three parts full.

PErfect Cure for the Asthma by an Elixir, (a pleasant and innocent Medicine) to be taken in Drops, which has done Wonders in that Case; but the Author's saying so being not so convincing as trying it will be, he desires you would for your own Sakes, when, if it does no Good, can do no Harm to the Body, nor much to the Purse in laying out 3 s. 6 d. which is the Price of a Bottle. To be had only at Mr. Lawrence's, a Toyshop at the Griffin the Corner of Bucklersbury, Poultry.

THE Royal Beautifier; or the greatest Cosmetick in the World: Being the most incomparable Thing in Nature for the preserving and restoring a good Complexion: It even to a Miracle fortifies the Skin against Wind and Sun, and makes such as are pale and wan, look fresh and lively, and have a charming Countenance. It certainly takes away Freckles, Spots, Pimples, Scurf, Morphew, and Sun-burning; and miraculously makes the Complexion plump, fresh, smooth, and delicately fair, even to Admiration. It having met with great Applause amongst Persons of Quality and others; so that Persons daily resort from all Parts of the Town to fetch it. To prevent Counterfeits, it is only sold at Lemery's Head at Charing-Cross, at 2 s. 6 d. per Pot, with Directions at large.